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MEASURABLE COST SAVINGS	)
DETERMINED BY DIRIGO HEALTH	)
FOR THE SECOND ASSESSMENT	7
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Docket No. INS-06-900	)

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Attn: Vanessa J. Leon 125 Northern Avenue Gardiner, Maine

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IN RE: REVIEW OF AGGREGATE MEASURABLE COST SAVINGS DETERMINED BY DIRIGO HEALTH FOR THE SECOND ASSESSMENT	APPLICATION TO INTERVENE: MAINE ASSOCIATION OF HEALTH PLANS
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NOW COMES Applicant, Maine Association of Health Plans ("MEAHP" or the "Association"), on behalf of its member companies, through counsel, pursuant to the Notice of Pending Proceeding and Hearing issued by the Superintendent of Insurance on April 26, 2006, 5 M.R.S.A. §§9054(1) and (2), and Bureau of Insurance Rule Chapter 350(9)(A)(1), and requests that the Superintendent grant the Association intervenor status as of right as a full party in this proceeding, pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A. § 9054(1), or in the alternative, as a full party pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A. § 9054(2), based upon the following:

- 1. MEAHP members are or may be substantially and directly affected by this proceeding, and
- 2. MEAHP members have a significant interest in this proceeding

#### Statement of Facts

- 1. Maine Association of Health Plans is an incorporated association of health plans with a principal place of business located in Cumberland, Maine.
- 2. MEAHP was founded in 1997 to advocate for its member health plans before the Maine Legislature and regulatory agencies.
- 3. The members of the Association are entities licensed by the Maine Bureau of Insurance and include health insurers, health maintenance organizations, and third-party administrators, including Aetna, Inc., Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield of Maine, CIGNA HealthCare of Maine, Inc., and Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, Inc. and its affiliates Health Plans, Inc. and HPHC Insurance Company, Inc.
- 4. Each MEAHP member is substantially and directly affected by the outcome of this proceeding and each has an interest in this proceeding for the following reasons:

- A. Each member of the Association pursuant to 24-A MRSA §6913(2) and (3) and § 6915, is required to pay to the Dirigo Health Fund a savings offset payment determined by the Dirigo Health Agency Board of Directors.
- B. On June 9, 2006 the Dirigo Health Agency Board filed with the Superintendent of Insurance its determination of aggregate measurable cost savings in this State as a result of the operation of Dirigo Health, including any reduction or avoidance of bad debt and charity care costs to health care providers resulting from the operation of Dirigo Health and any increased MaineCare enrollment due to an expansion in MaineCare eligibility occurring after June 30, 2004, pursuant to 2005 PL ch. 400, §B-2(2)(A) and 24-A MRSA §6913(1).
- C. Pursuant to 24-A MRSA §6913(1) and section II of the Superintendent's April 26, 2006 Notice of Proceeding, the Superintendent must issue an order regarding whether and to what extent the Dirigo Health Board's determination of aggregate measurable cost savings is reasonably supported by evidence in the record.
- D. Determination by the Dirigo Health Board of aggregate measurable cost savings attributable to Dirigo and the Superintendent's review of that determination are prerequisites to the imposition of the statutory assessment in the form of savings offset payments that member companies of MEAHP will be required to make.
- E. Imposition of the assessment of the savings offset payment on paid claims of customers of the member companies of MEAHP will necessitate an increase in prices charged by the members of MEAHP to customers and potential customers, and may result in loss of business due to such an increase.

WHEREFORE, MEAHP requests, pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A. §9054(1), intervenor status as a full party in the above-captioned proceeding and seeks without limitation the following specific rights provided to other parties to this proceeding:

- 1. To be represented by counsel;
- 2. To participate in pre-hearing conferences;
- 3. To issue and receive informational (discovery) requests and copies of filings and notices;
- 4. To stipulate facts;
- 5. To present evidence and oral and written arguments on legal and factual issues;
- 6. To pre-file testimony and exhibits;
- 7. To cross examine witnesses;

- 8. To file motions, briefs, and other pleadings; and
- 9. To participate in settlement negotiations.

Dated at Portland, Maine, this 12th day of June, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on June 12, 2006, by 3:00 p.m., I served via hand delivery a copy of the above filing on:

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